

December 31, 2012

News Release

For Immediate Release

Police Conduct Shooting Investigation

On December 30, around 5:30 p.m., the Springfield Police Department responded to 1032 E. Cherokee in reference to a 23 year old female with a gunshot wound to the head. The female was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead at 11:17 a.m, Dec. 31. The female has been identified as Kimberly E. Walker of Springfield. Walker's live-in boyfriend, Darrell L. Smith (26 years of age) has been arrested on Probable Cause in reference to the shooting and is currently in custody at the Greene County Jail.

The investigation is on-going and more information will be released when available. An autopsy will be conducted later in the week. Walker's next of kin have been notified.

"The charge announced herein is merely an accusation and Smith is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

SPD Case Number: 12-54652

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